Calverley Urban District Council.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1921.

To the Chairman and Members of the Calverley Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in laying before you my Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Village for the year just ended.

During 1921, we had much less sickness than usual. There was an epidemic of Whooping Cough during the Summer months, and I found it necessary to recommend the closing of the Infant Department of the Church Schools for the last two weeks of July. There were 20 cases of Scarlet Fever, 16 of which occurred at the Rodley end of the village, and I believe were traceable to children attending the Rodley Schools, fever being prevalent in Rodley. There was no Summer Diarrhœa, which was unusual, considering the hot summer. In November and December Influenza was almost epidemic, but was not of the severe type of 1919, only one case proving fatal.

Population.

The Population, according to the Registrar General is 3,403.

Birth Rate.

There were 48 Births registered, 16 Males and 32 Females, one of which was illegitimate, the Birth Rate being 14.1 per 1,000 of the population for the year.

Birth Rates for last 10 years.

1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
16.4	18.2	15.1	16.7	14.7	12.7	11.5	10.8	16.9	14.1

Mortality.

There were 30 Deaths registered during the year, nine Males and 21 Females, the Death Rate being 8.8 per 1,000.

Death Rates for last 10 years.

1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
11.8	12.0	10.0	10.5	14.5	9.8	12.6	11.5	11.3	8.8

It will be seen that the Death Rate for 1921 is the lowest recorded during the last 10 years.

The Birth Rate per 1,000 population for England and Wales for 1921 was 22.4.

The Death Rate per 1,000 population for England and Wales for 1921 was 12.1.

The average age at death for Calverley was 58.2 years.

Deaths occurred at the following ages.

Up to 2 years	Up to 25	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	Over 80
2	1	3	4	3	6	8	3

Infantile Mortality.

There was one case only, that of a baby 18 hours old, due to Premature Birth; this gives an Infantile Mortality Rate of 20.8 per 1,000 births registered. The Infantile Mortality Rate of England and Wales, 1921, was 83 per 1,000 births. There were three inquests held in the Village.

Deaths occurred from the following causes.

Scarlet Fever	Influenza	Phthisis	Cancer	Apoplexy	Heart Disease	Bronchitis
1	1	2	4	2	6	1

Pneumonia	Nephritis	Premature Birth	Othes Causes
1	1	1	8

Zymotic Diseases.

There were 20 cases of Scarlet Fever, most of these were removed to Hospital, only one proving fatal, this one died from Pneumonia after being in Hospital for ten days. There was one case of Phthisis, one of Erysipelas and one of Diphtheria.

Nuisances.

None were reported to me.

Scavenging.

This has been done systematically and efficiently.

The **Slaughterhouses** and **Bakehouses** are clean and in good order.

Cowsheds and Dairies.—I have inspected these from time to time, and have generally found them in a clean and good condition. Some are undergoing repairs at the present time, and others still require repairs.

Mills and Workshops.—I have inspected these, and always found them clean, well warmed, ventilated and comply with the Act.

There was no shortage of either Milk or Water during 1921, though during the latter part of the Summer water was restricted, and had the mills been running full time there would have been a very serious state of affairs.

I am pleased to say that the mains leading the Estate water to the Calverley Bridge District have been cleaned, and in places new ones put in, and I hope that the people living in that district will have less reason to complain of their water supply.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I would like to congratulate you upon the general state of the Village, and would mention that in my opinion the Council Houses are second to none put up under the Ministry of Health Scheme.

The Birth Rate, though low, is increasing. The Death Rate is very low, and it is surprising how many people there are who are over 70 years of age, in good health and strength.

The privies are gradually being converted into W.C.'s, thirty-six being dealt with during 1921, and five new W.C.'s built.

I have the honour, Gentlemen, to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

NORMAN HUGHES,

Medical Officer of Health.

SHAFTESBURY HOUSE,
CALVERLEY.
March 31*st*, 1922.